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## **CDC Lifts Suspension of Adoptions from Chinese Orphanage**

Effective immediately, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has lifted the temporary suspension of adoptions from the Zhuzhou Child Welfare Institute in Hunan Province of China.

On April 16, 2004, CDC recommended a temporary suspension of adoption proceedings for children from the Zhuzhou Child Welfare Institute, which was experiencing an outbreak of measles. Last week, Chinese health authorities reported that the recommended measles vaccination campaign for all eligible children has been completed and that no additional children from the orphanage had developed measles for the past 21 days (one incubation period of the disease).

As a result, CDC is now recommending that the temporary suspension of adoptions from the affected orphanage in China be ended and standard adoption procedures be resumed.

Additional information for prospective parents adopting children internationally is available from CDC at <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/other/adoption.htm>.

*The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) protects people's health and safety by preventing and controlling diseases and injuries; enhances health decisions by providing credible information on critical health issues; and promotes healthy living through strong partnerships with local, national and international organizations.*

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